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This Page is from the Daily of Saturday, Dec. 24.

THE Daily Cow-boy across the street foams at the mouth, and gives strong evidence of having a severe attack of the rabies. Its so-called reply to the specific charges made by the EPITAPH as to the different classes of robbery its friends are engaged in are answered by billingsgate, which is universally conceded to be the rogue's argument. They cannot get around the fact that they stand on record as having indorsed the ten-per-cent steal, all the cattle stealing and stage robbing done by their cow-boy friends, the outrages committed by the rustlers, the turning loose of prisoners charged with murder and grand larceny, and other offenses too numerous to mention. They dare not deny that they have virtually indorsed every one of these acts, and as a consequence, answer by making faces at us. We can stand it if they can.

THE electric railway in Paris, says the San Francisco Chronicle, has been so successful that it has found capitalists who are ready to support a scheme for its permanent establishment, and Messrs. Siemens are engaged in settling the preliminaries for an elevated electric railway around the city. The proposed railway is to be about fifteen wide, carried on pillars 130 feet to 160 feet apart, which would occupy but a comparatively small proportion of the total width of the boulevards. The proposed gauge is four feet, and there are to be stations at intervals of 400 yards so arranged that passengers would not have to traverse more than 200 yards to reach a station.

If there is any citizen of the first ward who can't poll more votes than C. N. Thomas, he had better move out. Mr. J. W. Young will be elected almost without opposition, as he has large interests in the ward. He does not seek the office, and will serve his constituents faithfully. When you find an irresponsible and blatant office-seeker hunting for a position to which there is no salary attached, and elect him to that position, do not find fault if you are made the victim of numerous jobs. The only safe plan is to vote for J. W. Young.

The Daily Cow-boy takes it for granted that the EPITAPH is opposed to the election of Dave Nagle to the position of city marshal of Tombstone, for the reason that he is identified with the ten-per-cent county ring. The Cow-boy is correct for once. Mr. Nagle may be, and doubtless is, a very estimable gentleman, but he is in bad company, politically.

The yield of the Father de Smet mine in the Black Hills, for the eleven months of 1881, ending Nov. 30th, was \$429,948.30, or \$5,800.30 more than one half that of Grand Central for six months and twenty days. Father de Smet is called a great mine, and its owners are well satisfied with it.

"OLD IRONSIDES," the frigate Constitution, says the Mail-Express, has been laid up in ordinary at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and yesterday the ceremony of hauling down her flag, showing that she had been put out of commission, was performed. Every schoolboy will remember Oliver Wendell Holmes' impassioned lines, commencing "Aye, tear her tattered ensign down," which prevented the old frigate from being put out of commission when such an act was contemplated on a previous occasion, but the grand old vessel is now so used up with age that it would be only sentimental folly to keep her longer as an expense to the government. The Constitution was built by order of Congress, March 27, 1794, of live oak, at Boston, at a cost of over \$300,000. She took part in several naval engagements, the most famous of which was her victory over the English man-of-war Guerriere, August 19, 1812. But iron-plated vessels, steam-rans, and torpedoes, have replaced the old-time methods of naval warfare, and "Old Ironsides" remains only a reminder of the glory of the past.

An advertisement reads: "Wanted—A young man to be partly outdoor and partly behind the counter; and the Cleveland Leader asks, 'What will be the result when the door slams?'"

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

Relative to Affairs in Cochise County.

We reproduce the following selections from our exchanges, which will probably be preserved for future reference as forming a part of the history of the present situation. We do not endorse all the statements or opinions herein contained, but only publish the matter for the purpose of furnishing our readers with some food for thought:

THE STRANGLERS.

From the Nugget, Sep. 29.

Early last evening a number of persons were seen wending their way towards Schieffelin Hall, not in a body, but after the manner of the Kuklux, in small knots of two and three "like men with darkness in their deeds." The hall was lighted up, and knowing that none of the secret societies were to meet, a Nugget reporter walked up to the door and knocking, demanded admittance, the small peep window was opened and immediately closed: "Is this a secret society?" was asked. "No," the reply came from the other side, "it is a secret meeting." Knowing there was a distinction as well as great difference between a secret society sanctioned by law and a secret meeting unsanctioned by statutes, the reporter withdrew.

Later in the evening he asked one of the parties whom he saw coming from the hall, what the purpose of the meeting was. He answered: "It is the first of a series of meetings to be held by the citizens for the purpose of organizing a vigilance committee."

"In other words," the reporter said, it was for the purpose of effecting an organization of the strangles." "No," he answered, "it is not 'strangles,' it is to be a vigilance committee," then thinking he had been trapped into saying more than he ought, he turned and walked away.

The question which naturally arose in the minds of those who were not there, is, what occasion is there for a vigilance committee? In the words of Shakespeare, "What private griefs they have I know not," but it is equally certain that at least some of those who were there have ere this formed the acquaintance of vigilance committees, and they left for deeds which have not been recorded, at least publicly in this community. But nearly all of them are known, and if their purpose be, as stated by one of their number, it will be the pleasure of the Nugget to give their antecedents without fear or favor.

THE "NUGGET'S" HEROES.

From the San Francisco Daily Report, Oct. 31.

The details of the fight between three cow-boys and a marshal and five deputies in Tombstone the other day have arrived by mail and the Tombstone Nugget indulges in the customary gush over the sand and grit the well-served desperadoes exhibited. The Nugget of course does this to curry favor with the cow-boys as yet unshot or unhanged. To such papers as the Nugget are due the trouble from which the territory has suffered or is suffering. They are always tending to the criminal element and standing in with the rings. If we are to gush over the courage of murderers and desperadoes when they resist arrest, why not eulogize the skill of burglars, the alertness of sneak thieves, the boldness of gamblers, and the enterprise of moonshiners? To read such stuff as this is to find the Nugget is enough to make the healthiest feel sick.

With great holes pierced through their bodies by the leaden assassins of death, their sole anxiety seemed to be to return, shot or unshot, and only when the spark of life ceased to burn did they relinquish their hold on the death-dealing desperadoes. They were taken from a funeral pyre, before death claimed them for his own, they saw Morgan East fall, only to rise up and renew the murderous fire, and the chances for each man's life engaged was a thousand to one against him. They were taken from a funeral pyre, before death claimed them for his own, they saw Morgan East fall, only to rise up and renew the murderous fire, and the chances for each man's life engaged was a thousand to one against him. They were taken from a funeral pyre, before death claimed them for his own, they saw Morgan East fall, only to rise up and renew the murderous fire, and the chances for each man's life engaged was a thousand to one against him.

A REGION OF LAWLESSNESS.

From the San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 28.

The Tombstone (A. T.) Nugget of a recent date makes a very intemperate attack on the Chronicle correspondent at that town for communicating to the outside world certain facts which evidently require the widest publicity. That cow-boys and "rustlers" are superlatively abundant in that region; that horses and cattle are taken from teamsters on the highway, not many miles from Tombstone; that all kinds of robberies are of continual occurrence; that the officers of the law are cowed or otherwise rendered forgetful of duty; that it is getting to be a proud thing down there to boast that you are a "rustler" and steal for a living, and that quiet citizens are in many cases afraid to even admit that they have been robbed—all this and more the Nugget denies in the most emphatic manner. The Chronicle has faith that its correspondent's statements are correct in the main, and refers the Nugget to a communication in the Tombstone EPITAPH of the 18th inst., in which these statements are well borne out and additional ones are made, such as that the land property are unsafe in the vicinity of Tombstone; that the teamsters on the public highways are so terror-stricken that they will not help one another against the robbers; that the town swarms with spies in the interest of the cow-boys; that every movement of the authorities is closely watched, and that such a lawless state of affairs exists there that business is seriously depressed and capitalists refuse to buy mines. The Nugget had better turn its wrath against the "rustlers" and help rustle them out of the country, instead of attempting to discountenance assertions which are manifestly true.

THE COW-BOYS ON TOP.

From the San Francisco Report, Nov. 8.

The struggle at Tombstone is between the sheriff on one side and the marshal on the other. The sheriff's department has perhaps unjustly—been accused of undue and most disastrous leniency toward the cow-boy "element" and under the regime of the sheriff and the unembarrassing and even friendly supervision of certain of his deputies the said "element" has spread itself like a green bay-tree. The marshal and his men rudely interrupted the existing pleasant relations, and taking the cow-boys out of the gentle hands of the sheriff shot some of their leaders down in the ac-

of resisting his (the marshal's) authority, and thereby (in our opinion) did an act entitling him to the thanks of every good citizen of Tombstone, and every true friend of the district. The cow-boys and their friends soon rallied, however, and now they have the marshal and his men under bonds and accused of murder. The course of events in Tombstone promises to be quite interesting and we shall try to keep track of it.

WANT A "BITTER END."

From the San Francisco Report, Nov. 2.

We learn through the intelligent Associated Press agent at Tombstone, that "the friends of the deceased are determined to prosecute the case to the bitter end in the courts." We hope they will find the end bitter enough to suit the law-abiding citizens of Tombstone. How would it do for the marshal to take that quick-shooting little posse of his and see whether these friends are carrying any concealed weapons around with them? The lives of the Earps, Marshall Williams, Wells-Fargo's agent, and others have been threatened by the friends of the dead men. We hope the rustlers will try at some opportune time, to carry out their threats and will get the same dose their pals got. We depend on the EPITAPH to show that neutralizing the Daily Cow-boy's affection for Tombstone's ruffian population.

A LEGITIMATE REASON.

From the Tucson Star, Nov. 4.

The Tombstone Nugget sobs because the Star, in copying from it, does not give it credit except as "a Tombstone news paper." Well, there are reasons for all this, and we sometimes find them in the Nugget which we believe to be true; but we know if we give the Nugget credit the public would at once question the truth of the item.

LAWLESSNESS RAMPANT.

From the Phoenix Herald, Dec. 16.

The dastardly attempt to assassinate the mayor of Tombstone will meet the severe consideration of our citizens, to many of whom Mr. Clum is well known. There is evidently much work for the civil authorities in that part of the territory, for the spirit of lawlessness is rampant. We hope that the scoundrels will be caught and that an exemplary punishment will be inflicted on them.

THE OBITUARY ORGAN.

From the San Francisco Exchange, Nov. 3.

A cow-boy met the natural fate of all cow-boys in Camp Rice yesterday, being ridden with bullets. The Tombstone Nugget should send down a special reporter to weep over the remains. That journal is now recognized in Arizona Territory as the great obituary organ of all slaughtered cow-boys.

A NICE CONDITION OF DISORDER.

From the S. F. Daily Exchange, Dec. 20.

Tombstone seems to be in a nice condition of disorder. The cow-boys rule the town, and the sheriff claims that he is powerless to keep that formidable nuisance within bounds. Of course the saloon-keepers take sides with the cow-boys for the latter, contrary to the custom of other classes of desperadoes, pay for their liquor, and spend twenty dollars where the law-abiding citizen will spend one. There is, may be, honor, but there is certainly no peace of mind in being mayor of Tombstone, as Mr. Clum discovered when the stage in which he was seated was riddled with bullets, all aimed with the design of leaving the Tombstone municipalities without a head. Yet there are soldiers enough in the territory to enforce order unless the people have made up their minds to let the cow-boys run things to suit themselves.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Mr. W. H. COLWELL, from Altar, Mexico, is a guest at the Epitaph.

Mr. C. M. DALRYMPLE, editor of the "Chieftain" of Pueblo, Colorado, is registered at the Cosmopolitan.

Mr. Geo. F. BEVERIDGE, formerly superintendent of the El Garci mine near Arizpe, Sonora, has returned to Tombstone.

Mr. T. E. FITZPATRICK, former proprietor of the Cosmopolitan saloon, has returned from the Gillespie district, New Mexico.

Mr. C. H. PHILLIPS left for San Francisco by yesterday's coach. He left with a high estimate of Tombstone and its surroundings.

Mr. G. W. MAUK left for Tucson yesterday. He found the business houses of Tombstone solid so far as Uncle Sam's revenue is concerned.

Mr. W. S. WILLIAMS, attorney at law, leaves for Benson this morning to attend a suit for damages against the Southern Pacific railroad for killing stock on their track.

Messrs. E. J. GRANGER, H. Geerman and C. B. Harvey, left for Bisbee to examine the Copper Queen mine, yesterday morning. This is a party of English capitalists who contemplate a purchase of the mine and its surroundings.

The following passengers eastward bound passed Tucson yesterday: G. W. Carr, W. J. Marshall, John M. McMurtry, W. H. Quency, Tucson; Miss Walters, H. Hunt, Miss Bell, Yuma; J. C. Oakes, Geo. Emery, Tombstone; W. G. Pemberton, Bean, Maricopa; A. W. Anke, Casa Grande.

Dividends.

From the Denver Rocky Mountain Mining Review, Dec. 15.

The Colorado mines have paid in dividends so far this year, \$2,776,750, distributed as follows:

Bonanza Develop Co.	\$135,000
Chrysolite	180,000
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Douglas	110,000
Evening Star	425,000
Gem	3,750
Glass Pender	25,000
Hibernia	150,000
Iron Silver	400,000
Lendville Co.	20,000
La Plata	180,000
Morning Star	50,000
Moore M. S. Co.	36,000
Polonia	12,000
Robert E. Lee	50,000
Robinson	450,000
Silver King	50,000

MISS GRUNDY says there are only 200 decent napkins in the White House, which is not enough for a large dinner party. This is a sad state of things, really. Of course the president would not be likely to have 200 dinner guests at one time, but he might have a hundred and fifty when half of his napkins were in the wash. The subject deserves the immediate attention of congress, and until an appropriation for an additional supply of napkins is made it would not be amiss for the president to request his guests to bring their own napkins when they come to dinner—and leave them—Mail and Express.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Trying to Bounce Scoville.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—On the convening of the criminal court this morning Guitau addressed the court. After complaining Scoville for the manner in which he had conducted the case, he added that Scoville had asked many questions which had compromised his position. He asked permission of the court to have Charles H. Reid of Chicago assume charge of the case. "However," he said, "I want Scoville to continue in my case." Scoville arose and made a personal explanation to the court. He mentioned many difficulties he had encountered in conducting the case, and said he had expected to obtain assistance, but he was disappointed. He had no objection to Reid becoming associate counsel in the defense, and asked the court to pass on the propriety of the question. The matter was discussed by Judge Porter and Corbitt, who questioned the propriety of submitting this question to the decision of the court. Judge Porter said, speaking in behalf of the prosecution, he had no objections to Reid assuming the active duties of counsel.

A Causeless Excitement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A somewhat exciting episode occurred in the criminal court today. Guitau had just been making himself very conspicuous by getting up and remarking "I know one thing, however; I'm getting more popular; I'm getting up." At that instant a tall, lean, raw-boned man, with lantern jaw and iron-gray beard, who looked as if he might be a Georgian cracker or Vermont Yankee, stood up in the audience about ten feet behind the prisoner and acted as if about to move forward. Guitau became very nervous, and George Scoville and wife, who usually bear the excitement of the courtroom with composure, also seemed somewhat startled. The bailiffs in charge of Guitau quickly shouted "Sit down, sir, sit down!" It appeared the man simply wished to move his position.

The Insanity Theory Not Supported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Dr. Henry B. Stearns, superintendent of the Hartford Retreat for the Insane, was examined as a witness in the Guitau case. From eight hundred to one thousand cases of insanity had come under his supervision during eight years he had been connected with the retreat. Witness had made four examinations of the prisoner at the jail, directed to his physical and mental condition. Did not consider the prisoner insane. Witness was examined at great length on this point, during which time Guitau continued to interrupt. At the close of the cross-examination the court adjourned until to-morrow.

Gossip from the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Postmaster-General Howe telegraphs that he will assume the duties of the office between the first and sixth of January.

C. R. McKenny, of Minn., has been appointed enrolling clerk of the house. Prof. J. E. Hilgard has been appointed superintendent of the coast and geological survey.

Postmasters complain of losses of revenue under the present partial prepayment of postage on first-class matter, and the abolition of the practice is being agitated.

Mrs. Scoville is quite alarmed for the safety of her husband. Scoville is constantly in receipt of threatening letters of a nature to excite apprehension.

All the executive offices will be closed on Monday next and January 2d. During Christmas week and to-morrow business will be generally suspended in the departments after twelve o'clock each day.

Senator Miller felt rather worse today, and seems in a bad way. It is his illness may prove quite serious, though no dangerous symptoms are manifested.

Cabinet Changes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Tribune Washington special: Several cabinet changes are expected. The secretary of the interior, and Wm. E. Chandler, secretary of the navy. Doubts are expressed about Howe remaining long in the cabinet, his health being poor.

Oriental Plenipotentiaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Chinese minister and party were formally received by Chin Lan Pin. The new minister has the apartments at the Arlington formerly occupied by the Duke of Alaska. The Chinese consul-general to Cuba, Lan Long Yuen, arrived at the Arlington to pay his respects to the newly appointed minister. The Chinese colors were raised on the hotel in honor of the delegation. Ex-Minister Chin Lan Pin will leave Washington on route for China on Wednesday next. The Japanese Minister, Yoshida Kiyomasa, accompanied by his wife, four children and several servants leave here on Wednesday next for San Francisco, from which city they will sail for Tokyo, Japan, January 7th.

The Jeannette Survivors.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 23.—Up to this hour Mrs. Long has no advice different from those already given to the public. It is believed it will be some time before the Long's party can be heard from after the relief party reaches him.

Thanks to Russia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following was sent to-day: DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, Dec. 23.—Hoffman, St. Petersburg: Convey the thanks of the president to the imperial government for its liberal and generous action in advancing the necessary funds to render assistance to the members of the Jeannette expedition, and inform Mr. Deslier von authorized to draw on me to reimburse that government if it will kindly inform you of the amount.

Suffering Aborigines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The small-pox is rapidly spreading among the Indians in Montana and Idaho. The Kickapoo Indians in Indian Territory are in a starved condition. The Indian officer will relieve them as soon as possible.

Arthur at a Banquet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—President Arthur, at the banquet of the New England society to-night spoke briefly in response to a toast.

The Funds of the Ex-Confederacy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Examiner this morning publishes an interview with J. C. Maynard, a prominent democratic politician and ex-insurance commissioner of the state. During the last year of the war Maynard was general depot quartermaster at Richmond. When the confederates evacuated Richmond he received orders to furnish transportation to Danville. Among other property was about \$200,000, mostly silver, belonging to the state of Virginia, which was put on the cars at Danville and sent to Washington, Ga., where by order of Secretary of War, Brockridge, it was distributed among the soldiers. Jeff Davis had no share to do with it. There was no money belonging to the Confederacy sent to Richmond in wagons. Maynard said he had reports of sums of money belonging to the Confeder-

acy at the close of the war greatly exaggerated. Each department had some money to its credit in Europe to be used for the purchase of supplies, but it is difficult to say what became of it.

Murdered for Money.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 23.—An Italian named Giovanni B. Trabuco, aged about 55 years and an old resident of Santa Barbara, was found this morning brutally murdered at his house, near Ortega hill, about four miles from this city, his skull broken in and his hands tied behind him. The coroner has gone to the spot with a jury. It is supposed that he had money in the house, in which he lived alone by himself, and the probabilities are that the object of the murder was robbery.

England Discovering Her Mistake.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of bankers and merchants yesterday a resolution was adopted in favor of the formation of an association to consider the rehabilitation of silver, and Henry Hicks Gubbis, one of the directors of the Bank of England, was chosen president.

Lake Shore Finances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Lake Shore, after paying its dividends, has left of the year's earnings only \$16,000 as against \$1,624,000 surplus in 1880. Low freights have proved disastrous to that road.

Gen. Crook Seeking Promotion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Gen. Crook has arrived here to look after his chances of promotion, in the event of Gen. McDowell being retired, an event not likely to happen at this time.

Arrest of a Noted Crackman.

HONOLULU, Dec. 23.—Stewart, the notorious train robber, incendiary and bank robber, has been arrested. It is said he robbed the Chicago & Alton train of \$100,000. Detectives have been looking for him seven years. He will be taken to Kansas City, where ten indictments stand against him.

Bandits Hanged.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 23.—Three noted bandits were captured near Resaca, Mexico, yesterday, and hanged by Mexican vigilantes.

Fight with Border Smugglers.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—A combat between twenty smugglers and the custom guards assisted by cavalry, occurred between Comargo and Mier in Mexico. A Mexican, commanding cavalry, one corporal and one private were killed. The smugglers escaped with considerable booty into Texas.

New York Stocks.

SILVER BARS.—Yonk., December 23.

MONEY—4	Yonk.	23
STOCKS—Firm.		
Western Union	79 1/2	Yonk.
Quicksilver	13 1/2	Yonk.
Wells, Fargo & Co.	13 1/2	Yonk.
Union Pacific	11 1/2	Yonk.
Central Pacific	11 1/2	Yonk.
Bonds	11 1/2	Yonk.

San Francisco Stock Market.

California	40	Yonk.
Gold and Silver	40	Yonk.
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Artistic Criminals.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Malley boys, now in jail at New Haven for the murder of Jennie Cramer, do not seem to be suffering much from confinement. They have had their two cells fitted up with Eastlake furniture, rich hangings and elegant knickknacks. On the wall hang several unframed oil paintings, the work of Walter. He said recently to a reporter that one picture—a view of New Haven harbor—was from memory, and was the result of a ride along the beach one fine day with the courtesan whom this precious pair of rich rascals imported from New York to help them in seducing the girl who is now dead.

Aboriginal Style.

From the Virginia Chronicle.

Winnemucca, chief of the Piutes, is as careful of his royal dignity as any European potentate. When he travels he does not herd with his subjects. Not long ago a freight train rolled into Reno. On a flat car were squatted a dozen bucks, bringing in grain from the sink of the Humboldt to sell to the pale faces. Chief Winnemucca was on the train, but instead of being sociable and riding with his braves on the flat, he was seen sitting cross-legged in solitary grandeur on the floor of an empty box car.

"Excelstor."

From the Detroit Free Press.

"I see you have the motto 'Excelstor' over your door," remarked a stranger who entered a Detroit saloon the other day.

"Yes; I give a banter two dollar for dot."

"It's a beautiful motto."

"Yes, I think so."

"You know what it means, I suppose?"

"Of course. It means dot when one of der boys says 'Shalk it down, Yaacob,' I shalk him on der neck mid a glub. I don't take feefty tollar for dat motto."

BOLIVAR, the highest priced yearling at the recent sale of Mr. Pierre Lorillard's stock, who was purchased by Sir John Lister Kaye for \$825 and shipped to England on the Egypt, broke his back during the voyage. The weather was exceedingly tempestuous.

WILKIE COLLINS will remain at Torquay, which is a seaside shelter for invalids. It was Torquay which Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel) sought when, as a young man, he failed in health. The lands in and around Torquay are almost wholly owned by one English lord.

SENSIBLE and useful holiday presents just opened at A. D. Otis & Co's.

LOCAL SPLINTERS.

COPPER has advanced in New York to 50 cents per pound.

BREADSTUFF stock was quoted in New York, on the 17th inst., at 65 to 75 cents per bushel.

THE justices' court were without an item yesterday. How good the people of Tombstone are becoming!

GIARD stock closed in Philadelphia on the 14th at \$1.45. During the week ending that date 4100 shares changed hands.

THE cars will commence running to Contention on or about the first of January. Then the stage ride will no longer be an event to be dreaded.

THE hotels and lodging houses are crowded with guests, and the stages come and go loaded to their fullest capacity with passengers.

VIRGINIA stock was quoted in New York on the 17th of December at \$2.75 to \$2.80 per share, there being quite a demand for it at those figures.

TOMBSTONE shares closed on the 14th, in Philadelphia, at \$4.35. The highest point reached was \$5. During the week ending on the 14th 5084 shares changed hands.

THE people of Prescott have raised \$17,500 of the \$50,000 that is to secure their railroad connection. The remaining \$32,500, the Democrat of the 20th says, will be raised to-morrow, i. e. on the 21st. This is good for Prescott.

DR. CHAPIN is authorized to receive subscriptions at the postoffice to aid in the erection of the Garfield National Hospital at Washington, D.C. This is a good opportunity for the charitable disposed to do something to ameliorate the sufferings of humanity.

A. M. ROBERTSON has removed his book, stationery and news store from the postoffice, and opened a new store at 202 Fourth street, Brown's Hotel building. The Daily and Weekly EPITAPH will be kept on sale, together with all the leading periodicals.

THE Amador (Cal.) Dispatch says the Zelle mine near that place is haunted, and suggests that some courageous scientist get permission to investigate the matter. The editor of that journal says that he would do so only he hasn't lost any ghosts.

THE Engineering and Mining Journal for December 17th has an elaborate and interesting report, from the pen of Walter B. Devereaux, E. M., on the Deer Creek coal fields. From samples analyzed, he obtained, respectively, fixed carbon 81, 84.4 and 44 per cent. The ash ran 24.5, 4.8, and 8